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# Prison industry targets young blacks

Is our justice system colorblind?

This report is the first in a series that explores the realities of race as a factor in crime and punishment in New Jersey.

By Carl Chase  
Staff Writer

Reforming America's Prison-Industrial Complex remains a dream deferred for many activists forced to watch minorities—black youth and men especially—live somewhat as prisoners of war, trapped and tortured in a life of crime and punishment.

The Boycott Crime Campaign in Newark is sponsoring its fifth public forum in its series called "American Prisons: Second Coming of Slavery," in its quest to break the chains of the prison industry. At Essex County College, Market Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard in Newark on Friday, Oct. 29, the group will encourage all citizens to "speak out against the inhumane prison policies that are created by political corruption and corporate gangs," said Fredrica Byrd, executive director of the Women In Support of the Million Man March, one of the 14 key sponsors of the anti-crime campaign.

"We are striving towards zero prison population," she said of the campaign. "The only way to do that is for all Americans to boycott crime. The criminal justice system, the Prison-Industrial Complex and the corporations that bilions of our consumer dollars maintain should be the first to boycott crime."

Bonnie Kerness of the American Friends Service Committee, an established prison-reform group says at least three out of four inmates in New Jersey are people of color. "For kids, it's even more out of proportion."

"I think it's genocide," she said. "Politically and economically, the whole idea of prisons works perfectly: the schools are the feeder systems to the juvenile justice system, which is the feeder for the adult prisons."

On any given night in Essex County, nine out of 10 prisoners held in the Youth House in Newark are African-American. Another 10 percent of the 250 detainees are Hispanic, said Director Joe Clark. About 1 percent are white, he said.

Contrary to popular opinion, this disproportionate minority confinement is a growing trend, Clark says. "They're building more and bigger jails."

By and large, whites don't commit the same crimes, he said. "They don't steal cars and do drugs out in the street. They don't sell drugs on corners. White kids steal cars and then cut them up and sell the parts. They sell drugs in the basements of their homes."

"They don't kill one another—Columbine and all that is an aberration—but we do, and nobody says anything. As long as it's black-on-black crime, it's okay."

What's needed are better alternatives to incarceration, Clark believes. "We need to begin from the grass-roots up, to begin to build facilities to house them where we can teach them values, skills, and provide medical and dental care. Until we do, we're headed for oblivion. Halfway houses, orphanages and other programs can be adapted to fill this bill, as has the Youth House itself. Extra services are designed to enhance the chances to balance that of the street, and other environments that come from, Clark said. These include some 300 mentors, church services provided every Sunday, and other services.

"From my vast experience in education and corrections, I'd have to say 70 percent of them have no guidance, their fathers are on drugs or in jail, their mothers might have AIDS, their grandmothers are tired—they need help."

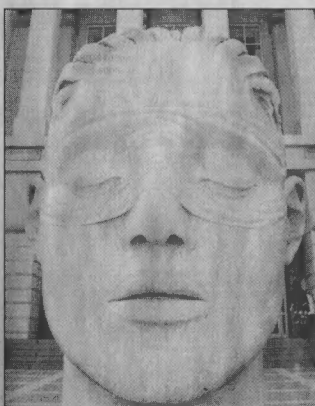


Photo by Carl Chase

## 'Remembering WeSelves,' a history lesson

Playwright Amiri Baraka gives Newark audience a sneak preview of his new play

By Gilda Rogers  
Staff Writer

NEWARK

— A giant encased in a frame weaving historical facts like a skilled craftsman, and of course he is — Amiri Baraka, author, poet, historian, award-winning playwright, scholar, and Newark's beloved native son. Baraka was well received by the large crowd gathered at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark, where he spoke about his latest play to the Newark audience.

"Remembering WeSelves: Black Renaissance in Harlem," debuted at The New Jersey Performing Arts Center on Oct. 23. Candid, profound and rhythmically articulate with a soulful groove, Baraka, who celebrated his 66th birthday a couple of weeks ago, transformed the audience of elders and youth into students of African-American history, as he told of events and times relevant to the black experience.

The Civil War, Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Emancipation, the Southern black belt, lynching, the great migration North and W.E.B. DuBois, were just some of the topics he intrinsically plucked from his thoughts before revealing the vitality of the Harlem Renaissance.

"DuBois was the founder of the Harlem Renaissance," said Baraka, who is touted as being the founder of the "Black Arts Movement of the 60's." He alluded to the fact that DuBois was just some of the topics he intrinsically plucked from his thoughts before revealing the vitality of the Harlem Renaissance.

Holding up DuBois' book "The Souls of Black Folk" Baraka said, "If you never read another book, read this one."

Baraka, whose character comes to life in Baraka's play along with other important characters from the Harlem Renaissance: Marcus Garvey, Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, Claude McKay, Duke Ellington, Bessie Smith, A'Lelia Walker, and Wallace Thurman and others, all despite their differences in opinions and places in time engage in conversation with each other from various corners of the nation and world. This is the foundation of Baraka's play.

"The Renaissance was a political uprising," stressed Baraka. "The consciousness, the history of the people."

Referring to Newark's Renaissance, Baraka raised the question, "Who's this Newark Renaissance for?" Baraka asked, admonishing the town to take pride in Newark.

"All around Lincoln Park and Brantford Place, we have to reclaim that and take this town what it was," said Baraka. "The Bridge Club is now shut down, we have to open that. We want that to be a bed and breakfast and small business. This town has been a measurement for me for all things in the world."

Baraka's family roots run deep in the city of Newark, and along with his wife, Anna, he has lived in the same house on South 10th Street for 30 years. He's the father of nine children, some of whom work within the Newark school system.

## Jersey City employees sweat layoffs

By Gloria Dolan-Wilson  
Staff Writer

It's now nine days and counting down to the impending layoffs threatened by Jersey City Mayor Brett Schundler in a challenge to Gov. Christine Todd Whitman to allocate more funds to the city's budget. Some \$27.4 million in state aid, needed to shore up the city's \$381 million budget. Thus far, however, in this standoff, it appears the only ones blinking are the employees, who feel as if they are pawns in a political game—caught in the midst of a bizarre quagmire play that has nothing to do with them. States one union member, who only gave his name as "Bob," "What's really happening is that Schundler spent all the money underwriting his cronies. He has given high paying jobs to low producing people who supported his campaign. In the meantime, we have families to support, and have been here for years, only make \$30,000 or \$40,000."

He's wasted nearly \$70 million in payrolls and perks. All those high priced priorities being developed on the waterfront have been given big tax breaks, so the city is realizing minimum revenues. We can't afford to live in them, but we're supporting them because our taxes are being raised while they live in half million dollar homes!"

Stated another city employee, with the Jersey City Department of Housing and Code Enforcement, "These landlords can't wait for the layoffs. They'll be able to get away with murder. Who will come to the assistance of tenants when there is no heat or hot water. Who is going to make sure that landlords don't evict them illegally or increase the rents without cause. This thing is going to hit practically every facet of life in Jersey City."

When asked whether he really believed Schundler was really going to lay them off, the employee responded, "Schundler doesn't care. He doesn't even know we exist. We're the pawns in some sort of chess game."

If the show were on the other foot I think I'd get the message. But his job is safe. The only thing we can do is make sure he never gets elected to another office in Jersey City—in the entire state of New Jersey—ever again. But now I just want the people of Jersey City to know that if you let this happen, if you let them get away with this, you deserve to lose everything."

This was a rather bitter note. "Bob" who is a member of the brickmasons union says there are so many families that have been effected that the devastation is more than just a few thousand employees. In fact, according to

a union member, "The school crossing guards that make sure children cross safely during school hours, will all lose their jobs."

The Jersey City Law Department will likewise be effected, with Jersey City's Municipal Court left dark. Impending prosecutor layoffs mean that everything from drunk driving to releasing drug offenders, and other offenders back on to the city's streets, could happen as prosecutor's office is asked to reduce its staff from 50 to 14 employees.

Schundler and Whitman are supposed to meet about the city problems. However, according to a spokesperson from City Hall, thus far Whitman has set no date, and has only sent an auditor to look at Schundler's spending practices. Many believe that as the date of October 31 draws closer (really October 29, which is the last Friday of the month), efforts to reconcile will be stepped up. Meanwhile, many city employees either part time or alternative employment. One employee who has worked with the city for 15 years, stated:

"I just simply cannot afford to lose my job. I'm a single mother, I have three children at home and one in college. I just bought a new home. Who needs this kind of nonsense?"

"Crime is down 28 percent since last year and has fallen for five years in a row. We also are seeing more recreational opportunities for all residents, particularly our children."

Former school board member Alice Holzapfel, a leader of Citizens Concerned for Education, said, "We have the lowest property taxes in Union County. If we jeopardize that, families will suffer and taxpayer support for education will diminish."

"This city has changed for the better for all of its residents in the last seven years. I would never have imagined that in 1999 Elizabeth would have the Jersey Gardens Mall, with 5,000 new jobs," said Antonio Rivera, chairman of Latinos for Progress. "Are we going to risk impeding the progress simply to appease a few politicians?"

Just one week after "Responsible People Vote No" announced its campaign to defeat the ballot question, even more new and existing organizations are joining the effort, said Allen Safin, chairman of the grass roots organizing effort.

"People have been calling from all over the city asking to join the effort," said Safin.

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## Cleveland Mayor: "The man speaks for urban cities"

By Gilda Rogers  
Staff Writer

NEWARK— "A mistake by the lake," referring to Cleveland, Ohio, was the phrase Mayor Sharpe James used prior to introducing the city's mayor, Michael White, whose first-time visit to Newark on October 19, proved to be an inspiration to James' Administration in its ongoing effort to revitalize Newark, in particular the downtown area through the guise of a sports complex. "He's demonstrated clearly that we can revitalize cities. The man who speaks for urban cities," said James.

White, a three-term mayor, faced a barrage of opposition early in his lead position, from those who felt his effort to revitalize the city of Cleveland through the guise of a sports complex was less than feasible considering the visage of its downtrodden urban communities.

"Gateway is more than just a sports complex," said Williams. "I have to believe your arts center (NJPAC) is a major point of community pride. For us to build Gateway was a major project and it was a springboard for what's going on around us."

Before taking office in 1999, Williams, 48, said there were only 3.8 million people visiting downtown Cleveland, since being in office that number has risen to 8 million visitors. Before taking office, Williams said only

375 homes were being built in a decade, though 375 homes are being built in one year.

"We have built six major shopping centers, and eight industrial parks," he said.

Before he took office there was only one industrial park.

Williams further explained how the building of a sports complex in downtown Newark would have a rippling affect on other areas, especially blighted communities. And when asked by a reporter what kind of advice he could offer Mayor James for Newark's revitalization, Williams' reply was laden with respect and admiration for James' tenure as mayor and felt he was in no position to give James advice.

"The story of Cleveland is balanced revitalization," he said. "Cities are the center of urban life they help everyone, government, children and state. It is not automatic." Williams inferred this to mean that it will take some time before the "winds of change" in the city of Newark become visibly apparent.

James gave Williams an encased jersey bearing No. 33, which is worn by New Jersey Nets point guard Stephen Marbury and a basketball for him to take back to Cleveland. James then called upon Willis Reed, who was in attendance at the press conference to pose for a picture with Williams. On display was also a proposed view of what the city's basketball arena will look like.

## Growing coalition opposes Elizabeth referendum

ELIZABETH— Police officers, firefighters and a broad range of community organizations have joined "Responsible People Vote No," a grassroots group opposed to a referendum on the Nov. 2 ballot that would add costly elections in the city.

The local PBA, the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association, the firefighters' Superior Officers Association and EMS Chief Tom Dimino have all lent their support to the "NO" effort. Community groups including Citizens for a Safer Elizabeth, Citizens Concerned for Education and Latinos for Progress also joined the "NO" team this week.

"Ballot Question No. 4 would cost city taxpayers more than \$110,000," said PBA President Izzy Olivero. "This could cause an increase in property taxes or severe cuts to public safety services (firefighters and EMS) Chief Tom Dimino have all lent their support to the "NO" effort. Community groups including Citizens for a Safer Elizabeth, Citizens Concerned for Education and Latinos for Progress also joined the "NO" team this week.

"Elizabeth is becoming a better city with each passing year," said Michele Donegan, an Elmira resident and chair of Citizens for a Safer Elizabeth.

## Community Calendar

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

**CRANFORD** — Union County College offers a course in resume writing and job interviewing skills. 7 p.m. (908) 709-7501.

**WATCHUNG** — The Deveraux Dehaven of Chester hosts a children's art show at Watchung Arts Center. 1 p.m. (908) 879-4500.

**JERSEY CITY** — New Jersey City University (NJCU) hosts a storyelling on the Jewish culture featuring author Peninah Schram at the school's Grosnick Auditorium. 9 a.m. (201) 200-3214.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

**NEWARK** — The Wise Women's Center of Essex County College hosts a seminar on starting your own day care center. 6 p.m. (973) 677-3527.

**JERSEY CITY** — New Jersey City University seminar on "How to Finance Your College or Graduate Education" at the school's Women's Center.

**NEWARK** — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents solo player David Garragos. Call 1-(888)-GO-NJ-PAC for time and information.

**NEWARK** — The New Jersey Institute for School Innovation and 1,000 Friends hosts a luncheon featuring scholar Dr. Arthur Levine at the Newark Club. 12:15 p.m. (973) 621-6531.

**CRANFORD** — Union County College offers a course in effective communications in business. (908) 709-7600.

**PATERSON** — The Haunted Trail and House of Horror excites Paterson residents during Halloween season. The event takes place at the Old hearthstone Wheel House. (973) 279-9587.

**JERSEY CITY** — New Jersey City University (NJCU) hosts a seminar on brownfields and environmental policies in inner-cities at the school's Hapburn Hall. 5:15 p.m. (201) 200-2308.

**LEDGEWOOD** — Quality American made arts and crafts are showcased at the LedgeWood Mall through October 31. Call (908) 362-5006 for information.

**NEWARK** — The Newark Literacy Campaign, Inc. hosts a reading volunteers training program for new members at the Newark Public Library. 6 p.m. (973) 623-4001.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

**EAST HANOVER** — ACE of Morris County hosts its Millennium Crossroads Conference. The event is a day long affair of workshops and career fairs at

the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center through October 30. Call (973) 389-5522 for information.

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Dancer Suzanne Farrell and a cast of 10 pay homage to legendary dances at the State Theater. Call (732) 246-7469 for information.

**NEWARK** — Boycott Crime Campaign sponsors 5th public hearing of citizens in a forum on "American Prisons: Second Coming of Slavery" at Essex County College. First anniversary of drive to "break the chains of Prison Industrial Complex" 5:30 p.m. (973) 227-1275.

**MOUNTAINSIDE** — Allow troop program students to showcase the home membership skills they have learned throughout the season at the Fall Troop Horse Show at the Watchung State through October 31. Call (908) 527-4900 for information.

**UPPER MONTCLAIR** — Large scale puppets are used to explore the turn of the seasons, numbers, colors, dates, and wonders of nature in "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" at the Memorial Auditorium on the campus of Montclair State University. Call (973) 655-5112 for information.

**JERSEY CITY** — The annual Halloween Party Costume party for ages 1-10 takes place at the Corcoran Level at the PATH Transportation Center. Call (201) 547-5522 for information.

**ENGLEWOOD** — The John Harris Center for the Arts presents the popular Bacon Brothers. Call (201) 567-3600 for information.

**PARAMUS** — Pro Arte Chorale presents a program of choral works from the romantic era by Schubert and Brahms at the Bergen Community College Theater Hall. Call (201) 445-9052 for information.

**WAYNE** — The William Paterson University Orchestra performs at the school's Shea Center. Call (973) 720-2371 for information.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

**JERSEY CITY** — New Jersey City University (NJCU) offers a beginners swimming class for kids in grades K-8. 11 a.m. (201) 200-3089.

**NEWARK** — The African American Heritage Committee presents the Third Annual Masquerade Gala featuring Carrie Jackson and the Jazzin' All-Stars Quartet at Newark Symphony Hall. 8 p.m. (973) 642-5051.

**FLEMINGTON** — Children throughout the area come and enjoy the atmosphere of costumes and ride at the Halloween parade. Call (908) 782-6822 for information.

## Barnes & Noble support local chapter of AKA



Deborah Leit, Community Relations Manager, and Francis J. Puelo, Store Manager of Barnes & Noble, Corporate Sponsor, Livingston (both at center) present a Webster's New Universal Unabridged Dictionary Fully Revised and Updated Deluxe Edition, 1998 and a Webster's New Universal Encyclopedia, 1997 to Sylvia Cyrus, (far right) president of Beta Alpha Omega Chapter, Newark of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. as part of its Project Send project. The chapter will send 608 books totaling \$7,443.95 to Grootboom, Rosslyn, South Africa, where they will be distributed to several schools. Also pictured is Winifred Waldron (second right), vice-president and Adrienne Surgenon, (far left) international Educational Advancement Foundation Board Member.

## Attorney spurs dreams and gives 10K to youth



Attorney Willie Gray (center) recently spoke to more than 400 guests at Tampa-Hillsborough Urban League's fund raiser in Tampa, FL. As keynote speaker for the event, Gary stresses the importance of perseverance in achieving goals in life and not letting humble beginnings deter from having dreams in life. Gary also told the audience to never give up on young people and challenged the young people in attendance to beat the dismal stereotypes placed on them by the older generation and the media. Gary, pictured here with a group kids, donated \$10,000 to support the league's youth programs.

## Information Center turns mobile for Plainfield seniors



Recently Union County Freeholder Lewis Mingo (standing) gave a speech at the Plainfield Senior Citizens Center. Mingo discussed the services that were available for seniors in the county such as medical and financial assistance. Mingo is pictured here talking with the attendees and looked over the different books on display. Union County Information Center provides information on these services through booklets, brochures and flyers.

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# NATIONAL BRIEF

## CBC OUTRAGED OVER REJECTION OF JUDGE RONNIE WHITE'S NOMINATION

(NINPA) — The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) recently held a press conference to voice its outrage over the 54-45 vote by the Senate to reject Missouri Supreme Court Judge Ronnie White's nomination. "We are here today to urge that the Senate stop playing politics with judicial appointments — stop holding minority and female candidates hostage — and stop denying qualified candidates their day in court," said Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC), chair of the CBC. "It's just not fair for the Senate to hold a nomination in limbo for so long. It undermines the confirmation process." "I call upon President Clinton and the administration to continue to nominate more qualified minorities and women to the federal bench and not be deterred by the Senate's action or lack of action." The President, in a statement, said, "I will continue to fulfill my obligation to nominate and press for the confirmation of the most qualified candidates possible for the federal bench." By voting down the first African-American judge, who was already serving as the first African-American judge to serve on the Missouri State Supreme Court, the Republican-led Senate is adding evidence to the perceptions that they treat minority and women judicial nominees unfairly and unequally. Judge White is just one of the many nominations that have not acted upon until the Oct. 6 rejection vote. Judge Marsha Berzon, who has been waiting 20 months, and Judge Richard Paez, who has been waiting 18 months, still have not had their nominations taken before the Senate for a vote.

## HHS SECRETARY SHALALA URGING OLDER AMERICANS TO GET FLU SHOTS

(NINPA) — Each winter an influenza epidemic sweeps the country, killing an average of 20,000 people, most of them over 65 years of age, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. While 65 percent of senior citizens receive their flu shots, millions more remain unprotected. "The flu poses a serious potential hazard to older Americans, but it's a hazard we can all protect against," said Secretary Donna Shalala. "Every senior citizen needs to know that flu and pneumonia shots are convenient, free under Medicare and sometimes life-saving." "The flu shot must be given every year, and it is recommended for those at risk of developing serious complications as a result of the infection: those 65 and older; those in nursing homes; and those with chronic diseases of the heart, lungs or kidneys, diabetes, immunosuppression or severe forms of anemia. For information about receiving a shot covered by Medicare, call 1-800-638-6633 or visit [www.hhs.gov/medicare](http://www.hhs.gov/medicare). For information about influenza, call the Center for Disease Control at (800) 232-2619 or visit [www.cdc.gov/diseases/flu/weekly.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/diseases/flu/weekly.htm)

## CHOLERA EPIDEMIC RAVAGES PORT LOKO IN SIERRA LEONE

PORT LOKO (IPS) — Sierra Leone's northwestern district of Port Loko has been hit by a cholera epidemic that is taking a serious toll on the local population. Health authorities told IPS that the deaths of more than 40 women and children have been reported as a result of the outbreak. Port Loko is situated about 115 kilometers northwest of the capital of Freetown and had been the scene of repeated clashes between rebel and government forces during Sierra Leone's eight-year conflict. The situation has been further worsened by the sale of palm nut oil mixed with caustic soda to buy the situation is brought under control. The authorities have to address the burning issue of malnutrition and hunger in a community that is constantly being harassed by marauding rebels who, like the impoverished civilian population, want food and medicine.

# The presidential Democratic race fueled with speculation

By Ron Fournier

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic presidential campaign is threatening to become a long, costly battle that could leave vice presidential nominee Brock and politically weakened. Vice President Al Gore's slide, rival Bill Bradley's advantage in fund raising and a highly competitive primary calendar all point toward a race that could last deep into the spring. Interviews with a dozen Democrats inside and outside the campaign suggest Gore remains the party favorite, but Bradley holds appeal in many early voting states.

"Gore is likely to win, but it's not going to be an elevating experience," said Democratic consultant Geoff Gartin, who is not in either camp.

It all starts, as it always does, in Iowa and eight days later in New Hampshire — where momentum seized by a candidate is more important than the small number of delegates awarded by state parties. In Iowa, Gore holds a double-digit lead in polls over the former New Jersey governor. Though Bradley has narrowed the gap, both campaigns expect the vice president's institutional advantages — such as the AFL-CIO's endorsement — to give him the edge on Feb. 24. Then comes New Hampshire on Feb. 1. Bradley has rallied to pull even, and the vice president is running second. He will be in the state for most of the next two weeks, preparing for his march with Bradley at month's end. For now, consultants say, the edge goes to Bradley.

Who wins may not matter as much as who exceeds expectations and heads into the delegate-rich stretch of the calendar with momentum. The current schedule, which Democratic leaders are tinkering with, has no delegates awarded between Feb. 1 and March 7. That would give the New Hampshire winner five weeks to ride the tide of victory. Fifteen



L-R Vice President Al Gore and former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley are throwing down big money as they campaign for president.

states and American Samoa have scheduled primaries and caucuses March 7. More than 1,300 delegates votes will be up for grabs, 61 percent of the 2,189 needed to win the nomination under current assumptions.

The day was tailor-made for Bradley, whose strong ties to the Northeast date to his Hall of Fame career as a professional basketball player with the New York Knicks. Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island are leaning toward Bradley, consultants say. He also is strong in Minnesota and his home state of Missouri, they said.

Of the remaining states, only California's 387 delegates and Ohio's 146 delegates pack a punch. Gore leads a 6-2 lead over Bradley in the Golden State, but must maintain it. "If Gore ends up losing in both California and New York, it's not necessarily a fatal blow. But it's pretty close to it," Gartin said.

The flip side, consultants say, is that the race could end March 7 if Gore wins New Hampshire, New York and California.

"Right now, it's advantage Gore," said Los Angeles consultant Bill Car-

rick, a Gore ally. "But this is a trendy place where votes can move really fast."

With 41 percent of the delegate votes awarded through March 7, Gore and Bradley would spend the next week battling in Utah (edge to Bradley, Nevada (edge to Gore), Colorado (toss-up) and a few other states before a Southern showdown. Up next, March 14: Bradley's day of reckoning. If Bradley had a good week, this is Gore's chance for a comeback. The vice president is from Tennessee and enjoys a 3-to-1 support edge among blacks, two advantages that could give him a sweep of the day's six states — Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

Bradley plans to pick one state to focus his resources, hoping to stall Gore's momentum. His top aides have worked in Mississippi, and Bradley is within 12 percentage points of Gore in Oklahoma. Paul Guala, a Democratic consultant and Gore ally, said Bradley will run out of oxygen after the March 7 primaries, which are stacked with high-salaried, well-educated voters who tell pollsters they favor Bradley over

Gore. With little support from labor or minority voters, Bradley will not feel as welcome among Southern Democrats, Guala said.

"Bradley is down to Chubbis drinkers and Bre eaters and Volvo drivers," he said. "Those are wonderful Democrats, but you've got to have some beer drinkers or you don't get the nomination."

Two-thirds of the delegates will be pledged through March 14, awarded proportionally based on the candidates' showing in congressional districts and statewide. If Bradley wins New Hampshire, sweeps the Northeast, loses California and is swept by Gore on March 14, the delegate count at this point could still be roughly even. Consultants say it could be a slugging war March 15, with the advantage going to Gore because of his support among party leaders. He should get a lion's share of the 199 "super delegates" — elected officials and party leaders whose votes are not tied to primary results. One wild card may be Bradley's larger-than-expected campaign treasury. Gore's free-spenders ways continue this week with a \$440,000 ad campaign.

The worst-case scenario for Democrats: The primary fight for liberal voters drags into May or June. If the GOP contest is settled sooner, the Republican nominee would get a head start courting general election voters.

"Gore will be the ultimate nominee, but he will be defined away to the left of mainstream — out of money and short on votes," said GOP consultant Scott Reed. Reed managed the 1996 campaign of Republican nominee Bob Dole, who staggered out of the primary — broke and easily cast by President Clinton as a pawn of extremists in his party. Democrats do not want to repeat that history.

Ron Fournier is The Associated Press' chief political writer.

# US-A names building complex to honor Dr. George Washington Carver

BELTSVILLE, MD — U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman named a new building complex for Dr. George Washington Carver recently. The George Washington Carver Center will encompass four buildings on the USDA campus in Beltsville, MD, which will house government offices and a medical center.

"This is a significant day for Tuskegee University," said the University's President Dr. Benjamin F. Payton, who joined Secretary Glickman at the dedication. "George Washington Carver was an outstanding educator and one of the most prolific scientists in American history. A humble man with a magnanimous spirit, his visionary research at our institution revolutionized modern agriculture."

"Today, Dr. Carver's spirit still guides Tuskegee University's philosophy and its work," noted Dr. Payton. "We continue his academic legacy by providing minority students with the finest educational opportunities in science and technology. Dr. Carver's work is also leading us into the future, and at this moment our scientists are literally on the cutting edge of research in biotechnology and space agriculture." With a grant from NASA, Tuskegee University is developing agricultural systems that will allow humans to live in outer space. The challenge is to create crops that are nutritious, compact, and that can recycle wastes. The peanut

and sweet potato, two direct descendants of the pioneering Carver's pioneering work, have already been studied on Space Shuttle missions.

Dr. Carver developed scientific methods of soil rotation and fertilization, created harder strains of cotton, and introduced the peanut as a major cash crop, which helped revitalize the southern economy. In 1899, Dr. Carver introduced the Jessup Wagon—a mule-drawn traveling classroom used to demonstrate improved agricultural methods to struggling farmers throughout the South. Carver's Jessup Wagon was adopted by the Texas Department of Agriculture and was the inspiration for the USDA's agricultural extension stations.

During his 47 years at Tuskegee, Dr. Carver invented close to 350 new products from the peanut, over 100 products from the sweet potato and soybean, and developed techniques for extracting "rubber" from industrial sludge. Yet, Dr. Carver refused to patent most of his inventions. He said, "God gave them to me. How can I sell them to someone else?"

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# Friends: a rare breed

Excuse the cliché, but people never cease to amaze me. Just when you think you've really gotten to know a person — BOOM! from out of nowhere, sometimes you never see it coming, like a curve ball — they reveal their real colors. That's where two categories of people come in — friends and acquaintances. And believe you me, there's a big difference between the two. Friends are few and far between. I'm sure you've heard those who are rich and famous talk about how they only have one or two and if lucky, maybe three friends. Good friends, people who you know you can count on and trust are not an easy find. But the goodness about life is this: if you're conscious about what's happening you'll discover the true ones because they'll sort themselves out with honesty-to-goodness deeds. The fake wannabes will be sorted out too, now, with deception and dishonest wranglings. I've often given this sermon to my teenage daughter, who is still in the process of learning what real friendship is all about. And imagine some people don't have any friends. That's a sad place to be, because when you have people in your life that when all else and everyone else have failed you and they're still around because they choose to be, because they truly love you — is an awesome thing. There's a wall hanging that hangs in my house which reads: "Friends are one of God's best miracles," and I am not about to start disagreeing with you know who. So don't be blindsided by those who appear to have your best interest at heart. People are filled with trickery and eventually you know who will weed the bad one's out. The only thing you need to do is watch and by all means see!

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

"They are trying to starve me out," Black, Riverside, police officer Rene Rodriguez spoke his tearful words of personal pain to a national audience on a recent edition of CBS-TV's "60 Minutes." Rodriguez said that the "they" are the Riverside, Calif. police and city officials. He said that they are angry at him for blowing the whistle on discrimination and abusive practices within the department.

Rodriguez's tale of woe began in December 1995 when he arrived at the scene 40 seconds after four White officers had killed Tyisha Miller, a nineteen-year-old Black woman, with bullets while she sat in her car. Rodriguez said that he heard the officers that shot Miller and other officers make racially and sexually derogatory remarks about Miller, her family, friends and acquaintances.

Their slurs are, Rodriguez insists, symptomatic of the deep and pervasive pattern of racism experienced by Black and Latino officers within the department and the abuses many officers commit on the streets against minorities. He claims that these practices are condoned by police higher-ups and city officials. Rodriguez is one of the few working police to break the code of silence, renounce the "police culture," and defy the brass to reveal in graphic detail how racism operates within the department. But, Riverside police officials are dismissing Rodriguez's allegations as distortions. They insist that the department enforces a "zero tolerance" policy against racist acts by officers. However, there are three compelling reasons to believe Rodriguez.

Several observers at the scene of the Miller shooting confirmed that the officers did, in fact, use the racial slurs Rodriguez described. Police officials even said they were investigating possible "inappropriate

behavior by its officers. And, the U.S. Attorney has launched a deep probe into the department to determine how widespread abusive racial practices are. There's the treatment of Rodriguez, which has been nothing short of disgraceful. He said he has been the target of threats, intimidation and harassment by other officers. Rodriguez even charged that his life had been put in danger by officers deliberately refusing to provide him with back-up support in dangerous situations. He was placed on administrative leave in March 1995. Since then, he said he has been denied pay and health benefits, reducing his wife and three children to a state of

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near bankruptcy. They almost lost their house.

"I was ashamed and embarrassed," said Rodriguez, "to have to accept a donation of food from a local church, but needed it." He said the final blow came in September when the city denied his claim for worker's compensation benefits. He has appealed the decision, but it could take up to six months before a decision is made and even then there is no guarantee that he will be granted benefits.

By contrast to the mistreatment of Rodriguez, four officers that gunned down Miller and their superior officer were placed on paid administrative leave

for months before their recent firings. They currently receive financial support and encouragement from the police union. And, a large contingent of White officers shaved their heads in protest of the officer's firing and have solicited funds from residents to support them in their battle for reinstatement.

It's Rodriguez who should have received the grateful thanks of the public and been showered with accolades and commendations by public officials. Instead he has been reviled and reduced to destitution. The shabby treatment of Rodriguez also makes a huge mockery of the claim by public officials that they want employees of public agencies, especially police departments, to report abuses and misconduct and will reward them when they do so.

When public officials, however, turn their backs on credible whistleblowers within police departments, it's a powerful deterrent for others who witness misconduct and abuse. Rodriguez said that several officers have told him privately that they would like to speak out but that they have families to feed and careers to think of. They are afraid that what happened to him will happen to them.

Still, Rodriguez does not regret his decision to come forth. He is hopeful that blowing the whistle on the blatant racial practices by some police officers will help break the damaging code of silence within police departments. We should salute him for his courage and support him in his fight for justice.

Send expressions of support to: Rodriguez Support Fund c/o Atty. Conrad Rice, 11100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1000, Los Angeles, CA 90017. Call (213) 615-1660.

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Governor Whitman,

I am requesting that you act now to find justice for my husband Max Antoine, who is a 30-year-old Haitian American victim of police brutality. The Irvington, NJ Police Department and township robbed him of his constitutional rights and his physical well being. The incident which occurred June 2, 1996, was three years ago at his sister Marie Antoine's birthday party in her Irvington apartment, left him a paraplegic, blind in his left eye and deaf in his left ear. My daughter witnessed the beating in terror at the age of two and now, nearly five, remains in therapy.

However the three police officers, remain free to continue their brutal racist practice protected by the township government. On the other hand my husband was framed up on assault charges for resisting arrest and was tried on

June 7, 1999 at the Essex County Court house.

The violent police attack followed Max's advice to his sister that she record their badge numbers and file a complaint because they invaded and searched her apartment and township robbed him of his constitutional rights and assaulted her and her guests.

The police officers beat Max inside the apartment while he was handcuffed on the floor, dragged him into the hallway down a flight of stairs, pushed him into the storm door, breaking the glass and continued torturing him in the square room and in the police station.

If you want to reply, send an e-mail to: [maxine26prodigy.net](mailto:maxine26prodigy.net) or by writing to Marie and Max Antoine, P.O. Box 3393, Jersey City, NJ 07303

Marie Darlene Antoine, wife of Max Antoine

# Child care crisis

By Marian Wright Edelman

There was an article in the Washington Post in September about the lack of day care facilities in our country's capital and its suburbs. A woman, six months pregnant, began her search, only to find child care options practically non-existent. Many good and expensive centers have waiting lists of more than 100 names with an average 16-month wait before you can expect to get a child in. Workers who low children and are trained to care for them, either in licensed facility or in their homes, are leaving the profession in record numbers for better paying jobs in a booming economy.

According to a study by the Center for the Child Care Workforce, teachers in child care facilities earn an average of \$14,600 a year, and teaching assistants earn an average of \$10,500. At those wages, if centers can find qualified employees to begin with, they have come to expect high turnover, with more than one in four teachers and 39 percent of assistants leaving their jobs in the course of a year.

Those who care for the children in many cases earn less than dog trainers or manicurists. Even families who can afford high costs have difficulty finding care. Some centers are charging a fee just to put your name on the waiting list! Can you imagine what it's like for the one of three families with young children who earn less than \$25,000 a year?

In cities in 15 states where the census is particularly tight, the average annual cost of care for a

four-year-old in an urban child care center costs as much as college tuition. In 23 states with the highest child care costs in urban areas, a family with an infant and a four-year-old, with both parents working full time at the minimum wage (\$21,400), would spend half of its income on child care. The crisis is growing at alarming proportions, just when more quality, affordable child care is desperately needed. Since the 1996 "welfare reform" law, mothers who once stayed home with their children (and sometimes their neighbor's and relative's children) have had to give up welfare assistance and enter the job market at far less than livable wages.

For them, many times child care is simply more than they can afford. Is the government helping poorer families with child care assistance? The fact is that low-income families often are being looked out of child care altogether. A 1998 Children's Defense Fund (CDF) study found that most states cut off eligibility for child care assistance at levels too low to make a serious dent in the problem. We must begin to deal with this ever-worsening problem. CDF has developed an Agenda for Action with some concrete steps that advocates can take at the federal, state and local levels to increase the availability of affordable, quality child care.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund and a working committee member of the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC).

# Examining white supremacy Establishing your purpose in life

By Dr. Conrad W. Worrill

How many times have you heard someone of African ancestry say, "Black people are our own worst enemy." If you have lived among African American people in this country for any length of time, I am sure you have heard this remark made many times.

Unfortunately, the system of white supremacy, developed in the western world, has caused far too many African people in America to believe that the problem we face as a people is "us."

We must remind ourselves time and time again that African people in America were captured from Africa and brought to this hemisphere against our will. As the 1974 "Black Capital" article asserted, "Our introduction to the West was in the form of a commodity raped from Africa to be used as labor, capital, chattel, and currency to build a nation far superior to ourselves."

In the article, it explained that, "our history tells us that we were below slaves and less than human. We were things who were traded for horses, our women used as breeders and our children raised like chickens."

Finally, the "Black Capital" article pointed out that during the slavery process "The level of existence was based upon the skill and the will of those who owned us. They had the right to deem that which was best for property. Therefore, the skill and will of the skill of the slave master deemed how this Black wealth would bring the highest return on his investment."

This is still at work today. Just examine the role of African people in the entertainment and athletics industry. White people own and control these industries and use African people to "bring the highest return off their investment."

If African American people are going to ever have a serious mental breakthrough in terms of how we analyze our condition in America, we will have to reverse the question. "Are we our own worst enemy?" or has the system of white supremacy created a set of conditions that continue to keep us in an

oppressed state?

We must accept responsibility for answering this question as we accepting responsibility for solving all the problems we face as a people. But in accepting responsibility for addressing the problems we face as an African people in America, we must have a framework out of which to properly conceptualize our problems.

In 1852, the great African thinker in America, Martin R. Delany, wrote one of the most important books that accurately described our condition at that moment in history, and it is still applicable to our condition today. The title of the book is *The Condition, Elevation, Emigration and Destiny of the Colored People of the United States*.

Delany wrote, "Unfortunately for as a body, we have been taught that we must have some person to think for us, instead of thinking for ourselves. So accustomed are we to submission and this kind of training, that it is with difficulty, even among the most intelligent of the colored people, an audience may be elicited for any purpose whatever, if the expounder is to be colored."

In resolving the question of whether "we are our own worst enemy," we should reflect that for over three hundred years white people openly discussed African people as a problem (1800-1900). Today they still discuss us as a problem but the language is coded differently.

Dr. Anderson Thompson has written on the discussions that white people have had on what they historically called the "Negro Problem." Dr. Thompson writes, "There is a duality in the story of western white man and his culture, which, paradoxically, is thrown into sharp relief whenever we look at the Negro as he is drawn up on the scene." Dr. Thompson says, "Whenever or wherever the white man exists in proximity to the black man."

What we must continue to do is understand this negative African American behavior and assume responsibility for changing it. The enemy or problem is white supremacy and its continued impact on us.

By Herbert Harris

A clearly defined purpose projects your life into eternity. Once you have identified your purpose, you can set a direction for your life. As you strive to realize your purpose, you harmonize with the rhythm of life which form your destiny. The basic rhythms of life are the rhythms of peace, health, beauty, happiness, creative action, and abundance.

Seven Guidelines For Establishing Your Purpose:

1. It must be idealistic. Always strive for the highest and best in all things. See things as they are or should be, rather than as they are. Use your imagination as a guide in establishing your purpose.

2. It must be visionary. See beyond the horizon. Learn to perceive, remember, accept and rely on your dreams. Don't be discouraged if your purpose appears to be impossible, impractical, or unrealistic to others. Visionaries are perceptions of higher states of consciousness. Visionary thoughts become the blueprints for your future reality. Your special mandate is to create reality from thoughts through vision.

3. It must be lifelong. Your purpose in life rarely, if ever, changes. However, your perception of it may change, depending on your level of consciousness. Your purpose is your life's work, as you perceive it from moment to moment. It may extend well beyond the boundaries of your lifetime. In fact, the realization of your purpose may not occur until long after you have ceased to exist in physical form.

4. It must benefit everyone. The continuous realization of your purpose goes far beyond the personal desires of you and me. A purpose centered on self for the sole benefit of self is no purpose at all. It is a personal goal. However, once your purpose goes beyond yourself and your

ego, it will necessarily involve other people. This involvement must be positive and beneficial to all concerned.

Your purpose is challenging. Your purpose should make you stretch to reach your highest potential. It should be a continuous challenge to your faith and to your abilities. Your faith grows stronger as your efforts yield positive results. As your faith grows so does your ability to achieve. The more you over even greater challenges.

6. It must set you on fire. When you purpose sets you on fire, you become obsessed with its immediate and continuous realization. Every moment of your life, you constantly think about it, talk about it and act on it. The source of this fire from your purpose is your deep desire. Deep desire causes you to exert every element of the power and energy you possess for the realization of your purpose. Deep desire and faith together create dynamic enthusiasm. Dynamic enthusiasm is the driving force which stimulates your mental, physical and psychic powers to the point where they become infectious, contagious and invincible. It is the force that makes you worthwhile. Your purpose must fulfill a legitimate positive need in the world. A worthwhile purpose attracts the forces of the universe to aid and assist you in its continuous realization. Once you identify and articulate your purpose, write it down. This is your sacred mission statement to the world of where you are going with your life.

With this clear and concise statement of your purpose, you can determine what must be done for its realization. Then you can establish the goals which will guide you to your purpose and make plans for attaining these goals.

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# Religion

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### RELIGION CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

**NEWARK** — Bethany Baptist Church and the United Negro College of New Jersey hosts a college workshop at Bethany Baptist Church, 9:30 a.m. (973) 642-1955.

**MONTCLAIR** — Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church offers evening mass, 5:30 p.m. (973) 744-1074.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

**BELLEVILLE** — Christ Episcopal Church offers morning mass, 10 a.m. to all members and visitors. Call (973) 751-0616 for time and information.

## Graham's touches race relations in St. Louis

By Connie Farrow

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Don't expect the Rev. Billy Graham to tip his hand on who he supports for president.

"I'm not going to get into partisan politics," said Graham, who spoke with the media last week in the wake of his crusade at the Trans World Dome.

"I'm not even going to allude to who I am for, because I'm not for anybody except Jesus," Graham led the inaugural prayer twice for President Clinton. "I don't know why I was invited, but I did for him. Whether the Lord answered the prayers, I don't know," said Graham, raising a chuckle from the crowd.

While Graham intentionally avoids meddling in national politics, the Southern Baptist minister said he will appeal for racial reconciliation in his crusade sermons in St. Louis.

"It's going to be on the love of God and the love of each other," Graham said.

Race relations have been particularly strained in St. Louis in recent months. Minority contractors shutdown traffic on Interstate 70 for a few hours in July over concerns that blacks were being left out of lucrative highway construction work. African-American community leaders are encouraging blacks to attend at least one of the four crusade nights last week. Former St. Louis Cardinals outfielder and Hall-of-Famer Lou Brock and Dr. Benjamin S. Carson Sr., director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in Baltimore, are among those who will personal testimony.

About half the crusade entertainers were believers, including gospel rapper Kirk Franklin, ballad singer CeCe Winans and part of the De'Lite band.

The 52,000 seats in the dome were filled by first-come, first-serve. This was the city's third Greater Billy Graham Crusade. The first was held over 28 days in 1953 at the old Kiel Auditorium downtown. More than 318,400 people attended, with 3,000 answering Graham's call to make a commitment to Christianity. Graham returned in 1973 to hold a nine-day crusade at the now-demolished St. Louis Arena.

Meanwhile, the 80-year-old Graham said he was feeling good and eager to deliver his message to believers and unbelievers.

"My health is excellent, except for a few things and I don't enumerate on them," said Graham, who has Parkinson's disease. "My wife says that I shouldn't give a list."



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### POSITIVELY BLACK

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

In the wake of school violence in rural and suburban schools across the country, many religious fundamentalists and denegators are calling for prayer and the teaching of "values and morality" in public schools.

Policy and legislative debates have ensued since the rash of violence by mostly White males against their classmates and people of color during the last school year. This myopic and simplistic view of the religious right reveals a blatant ignorance or willful denial of America's past and origins, or it is a subtle ploy to gain more political power by pretending to offer a viable solution to their more glib constituents for curtailing the increase of wanton violence amongst young middle class and poor Whites. When this Republic was founded religious freedom was granted via the constitution. Protestants and Catholics were allowed to practice their faith freely. However, all that didn't stop the slaughter and theft of the lands of the indigenous inhabitants.

The Methodists who were attempting to gain a foothold in America rallied against slavery early on, but once they became an established denomination they quickly reversed and became ardent supporters of America's "peculiar institution." America's

call for reinstating public prayer and the posting of the Ten Commandments is a typical quick-fix solution in search of riches.

As H. Rap Brown once observed, "Violence is as American as cherry pie."

The Europeans who came to this hemisphere in search of riches and personal freedom brought their long tradition of war and aggression with them. Wrapped in a cloak of Christian arrogance and racial presumption as soon as they landed, Whites initiated a campaign of subjugation, enslavement and exploitation of the native inhabitants of the Caribbean, North and South Americas. When that failed, they turned to Africa.

They did all this while reciting prayers, holding church services and preaching about the Ten Commandments. In a relatively short period of time, they completely subjugated or wiped out most of the "Indian" nations, instigated wars in Africa and enslaved millions of Africans. The first American schools were offshoots of religious organizations.

During that time public prayers were said, and "Judeo-Christian values" were espoused. But, this didn't stop them from maintaining concentration camps and POW sites that they euphemistically called "reserva-

tions," or establishing oppressive systems of racial discrimination against the descendants of their African slaves. Somehow they were convinced that they were obeying the "great commission" — spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. How hypocritical can you go? We cannot change the history of this nation; it was conceived in violence.

Today, violence is a major theme in books, motion pictures, television and video games. This society saturates us with images of blood and gore. Most American homes are war mongers, imperialists or slave owners. Should we be surprised when our children act out what they see or read? Will the return of public prayer, posting the Ten Commandments and Bible reading bring a decrease in the violence in our culture? From the perspective of a people who have experienced a trans-generational assault on their dignity, humanity, growth and development often justified by religious dogma, I don't think so.

My history tells me the slave ships that transported my kidnapped ancestors to this hemisphere had names such as Jesus, The Gift of God and Brotherhood. They had prayer in public schools while they enforced Jim Crow laws. Whites prayed while burning

crosses, destroying Black newspapers, bombing Black churches, and terrorizing, lynching and murdering Black men, women and children.

The Chaplains of the U.S. House, Senate, state assemblies and local councils prayed before passing laws that dehumanized and oppressed people of color. That is a very real part of America's history and present. Modern TV evangelists rarely address the issue of racial animosity or injustice. Race crimes are a fact of life in America. Will we fail for the notion that rote prayers, outward piety and religious conformity are going to fundamentally alter the social consciousness of this nation?

Behaviors only change when another thought, emotion, belief system or behavior is substituted for the ones you desire to change. America has not demonstrated its sincere desire to alter its violent heritage. The roots of this behavior go deep into its cultural history. The solution is to teach people to alter their thought and cognitive patterns. A change of vision, values and behavior are the only things that will change America for the better.

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## Christ Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints

BELLEVILLE — Christ Episcopal Church recently announced the schedule of services and events for the upcoming celebration of the Solemnity of All Saints. The service for All Hallows Eve is scheduled for Sunday October 31 at 7 p.m. at the church. The service includes stories of the "supernatural" from the Bible. It is especially geared towards children. A party for All Hallows will follow.

The Solemnity of All Saints will be observed with a Solemn Festival Eucharist on Monday, November 1 at 7 p.m. A Solemn Te Deum, and in procession, will conclude the service. The Rev. Paul Walker will officiate and preach.

The Sunday after All Saints is one of four traditional

dates for Baptism. The church will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 7 at 10 a.m. service.

Here's a list of upcoming events at Christ Church:

Runmage Sale  
Saturday, November 6  
9 a.m.

Murder Mystery Party  
Saturday, November 13  
7 p.m.

Festival Eucharist  
Sunday, November 21  
10 a.m.

For more information on these events, call (973) 751-0616

## Al Green debuts at his church in first ever concert



Rev. Al Green

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Soul singer Al Green was in the church Sunday where he has been a pastor for more than 20 years. But it wasn't just to deliver a sermon.

Green presented his first concert at the Pull Gospel Tabernacle church.

More than 650 people turned out for the concert, which featured the Mount Moriah East Baptist Church choir, members of Green's touring band and other solo gospel singers. The concert was a fundraiser for the church's building fund and a promotion for the church's Women's Day Month, which begins Oct. 31, said Beverly White, who coordinated the concert.

"No one in his own church until I asked him, and his answer was yes," White said. Green recently completed a road tour of 21 shows.

He's known for his hits "Tired of Being Alone," "Let's Stay Together" and "Look What You Done for Me."

### Special Feature

## Drexel's fortune established black university, a saintly act

By Bruce Nolan

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Katharine Drexel, a millionaire heiress who renounced Philadelphia society to become a Catholic nun working among impoverished blacks and Indians and who later used her fortune to found Xavier University, has cleared the last major hurdle in the process the Catholic church employs to identify saints.

A team of medical examiners could find no natural explanation for the restoration of hearing in an unidentified Pennsylvania woman found to be completely deaf, and whose family said they prayed to Drexel to intercede with God on their behalf. The hearing, which the church regards as divine confirmation that a candidate is worthy of worldwide canonization.

Members of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, the religious order Drexel founded in 1891, quickly posted news of the decision on their Web site (www.katharinedrexel.org), then began telephoning members of their order in 11 states, including the convent attached to Xavier University, which she founded in New Orleans in 1925. The news brought special atten-

tion to a few of them, including Sister Mary Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, who for two years as a young novice in the early 1940s prayed two meals a day to an elderly Drexel at the order's mother house outside Philadelphia.

Born in 1858, Katharine Drexel was one of six daughters of Francis A. Drexel, a wealthy international banker who guaranteed his daughters a lifetime income generated by a \$14 million trust. But not long after making her debut into Philadelphia society, "Katie" Drexel entered a convent and assumed the disciplines of religious life. Having taken a vow of poverty, Drexel gave all her income away, much of it to finance relief among Native Americans and blacks, two disadvantaged groups to whom she devoted her career and dedicated her order of nuns. At her death in 1955 her donations amounted to about \$20 million, according to her order.

In 1935, Drexel quietly purchased property in a mostly white neighborhood in New Orleans and opened a high school for black children. The high school later became a teacher training institution, which in 1925, evolved into Xavier Uni-

versity. Today the university has 3,800 students. It is regarded as one of the nation's foremost sources of black students to U.S. medical and science-related graduate schools.

Born in the decade prior to the Civil War, Drexel died at the threshold of the civil rights movement, at the age of 96. Her case is moving relatively quickly by church standards, where a century or more is frequently the norm for declaring a person to be a saint.

There is no timetable for the process, and no one knows whether Drexel's case will be hurried to completion, perhaps as early as next year. In Catholic belief, the declaration of sainthood means the person is definitively in heaven, having died a martyr for the faith or lived a life of heroic virtue worthy of emulation.

If the medical case passes theological muster, a team of cardinals and bishops makes the final recommendation to Pope John Paul II, who makes the final decision. If canonized, she would become the fourth African-American saint, joining Mother Elizabeth Seton, an educator, Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, an educator and social worker, and St. John Neumann, a 19th-century bishop of Philadelphia.

## Prayer Corner

### Friends that pray together, stay together

Let's pray...Dear Lord, I thank You for this day. I thank You for my being able to see and to hear this morning. I'm blessed because You are a forgiving God and an understanding God. You have done so much for me and You keep on blessing me. Forgive me this day for I have sinned. I ask now for Your forgiveness. Keep me safe from all danger and harm.

Let me start this day with a new attitude and plenty of gratitude. Let me make the best of each and every day and give my best in all that my mind that I can accept all things. Let me not whine and whimper over things have no control over. Let me continue to see sin through God's eyes and acknowledge it as evil.

And when I sin, let me repent, and confess my wrongdoing, and receive the forgiveness of God. And when this world closes in on me, let me remember

Jesus' example - to slip away and find a quiet place to pray.

It's the best response when I'm pushed beyond my limits. I know that may be others.

I pray for those that are lost and can't find their way. I pray for those that are misjudged and misunderstood. I pray for those who refuse to share a word from You. I pray for those that will read this and not use this in their lives. I pray for those that will delete this without sharing it with others. I pray for those that don't believe. But I believe. I believe that God changes people and God changes things. I pray for all my sisters and brothers. This is my prayer; I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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## Local Briefs

## Plainfield organization hosts forum for city council candidates

**PLAINFIELD** — The Plainfield League of Women Voters recently sponsored a City Council Candidates' Forum at the Plainfield Public Library. This event was open to the public, offering an opportunity for Plainfield citizens to direct questions to individual candidates and hear their views and plans regarding the various important issues facing their community. The candidates running for City Council are: Joseph Scott, Democrat, 1st Ward; Sal Carrone, Republican, 1st Ward; Bob Ferraro, Republican, 2nd and 4th Wards and Cory Storch, Democrat, 2nd and 4th Wards. The Plainfield League of Women Voters is sponsoring this forum in order to give the Plainfield voters an arena in which city candidates can state their positions on important issues facing the city. We want to encourage the broadest possible citizen participation in the election process, thereby ensuring the best possible representation in city government.

Send contact Cynthia B. Smith, LWV Voters Registration Chairperson (908-497-2339) if you have any questions regarding the forum.

## Paterson Public School District hosts Japanese ministry of education

**PATERSON** — In an attempt to learn more about the educational system, history and culture in the United States, the Japanese Ministry of Education has been selected to host a delegation of twenty Japanese administrators and educators representing the Ministry of Education. The delegation toured the Paterson Schools earlier this month. The Japanese Ministry of Education arranged the visit.

## Newark students and "Do Something" to turn vision into reality

**NEWARK** — Recently 200 "Do Something Team" students from schools throughout Newark unveiled their vision for Newark's future and pledge to learn the lessons and take the action necessary to make their vision a reality. This is the kick-off event for Newark Do Something's "Community Coast Program." The program is an innovative school-based leadership and community service program that mobilizes specially-trained teachers designated as coaches to teach students leadership skills and to help them design and implement their own service projects to improve their schools and neighborhoods.

## Halloween birthday party for center members born in October

**PLAINFIELD** — All members of the Plainfield Senior Citizens Service Center, 305 East Front St., are invited to a Halloween Birthday Party for Center members who were born in October. Food and beverage will be served at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, October 29. Plan to wear a costume and win first prize. Volunteers who wish to entertain for the party can contact Patty Bender. For more details call the Center (908) 753-3506.

## 12th Annual Shoes for the Needy Campaign at St. Peter's

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Daniel L. Margolin, DPM, and his staff have kicked off their annual campaign to collect shoes for those in need. Last year they reached their goal of 12,000 pairs of shoes. This year they have set a goal of collecting 15,000 pairs by March 2000. Margolin is collecting shoes in good or excellent condition at his office in Somerset Plaza, Suite 1000 A, 1553 Highway 27, Somerset. He estimates that he has collected about 100,000 shoes since he started the program. Margolin's project was inspired by the indigent he worked with while a podiatry student in Philadelphia. He saw a lot of problems where people "didn't have appropriate footwear." He also knew that a program to give good, used shoes to the needy was very successful at the Chicago School of Podiatry Medicine. For more information call the New Jersey Foot & Ankle Center at 732-826-8998.

## Free/low-cost health insurance for children at local Kmart

**TRENTON** — It's getting easier for New Jersey families to find out about affordable health insurance for their children — just go to the nearest Kmart and apply.

Agencies representing New Jersey KidCare, the state program that provides free or low-cost health insurance for uninsured children and teens, will be at 20 Kmart stores throughout New Jersey on Saturday, October 30 from noon to 4 p.m. They will assist shoppers in filling out applications, answer any questions about qualifying for the program and give \$5 Kmart gift certificates for every completed application.

NJ KidCare is working in conjunction with the Children's Defense Fund, Martha Stewart Omnimedia and Kmart Corporation to promote the Child Health Now! campaign. It is a three-month public service campaign that presents families with opportunities to learn more about government-sponsored child health insurance programs in New Jersey, New York and Connecticut — where more than 11 million uninsured children reside. Of all three states, the campaign has experienced the greatest response in New Jersey, which has the most participating Kmart stores.

"NJ KidCare has been a life-saver for my family. Before we enrolled and were accepted into the program, my



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wife and I were constantly worried about our kids and afraid to let them do anything because we didn't want them to get sick or hurt," explained Ewing Township resident Glenn Fiore, who was injured at work over two years ago and lost health insurance for his family. He says KidCare has given him peace of mind and provided affordable, quality health and dental coverage for his three children Kristina (age 15), Holly (age 13) and Joshua (age 12).

NJ KidCare provides a comprehensive package of health care services through health maintenance organizations (HMOs). The services include well-child and other preventive services, hospitalization, physician care, lab and X-ray services, prescription drugs, mental health services, vision and other services. Uninsured New Jersey children 19 years of age and under may be eligible

Eligibility is based on the number of people in the family and the family's total income. Recently, Governor Christie Whitman signed a bill that raised the income limits of the KidCare program. Families with incomes up to 350 percent of the federal poverty line (which includes a family of four with an income of \$38,450 or less) are eligible.

Here is a list of the K-Mart stores participating in the program:

1930 State Highway, Brickton  
120 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne  
Rt. 130, Haines Mill Rd., Delran  
7500 S. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken  
800 Broadway, Elmwood Park  
800 Blackhorse Pike, Plainsboro  
970 Easton Ave., Somerset  
1140 Huffville Rd., Deptford  
7401 Toulon Ave., North Bergen  
1200 Highway 22, Phillipsburg  
3850 S. Deles Rd., Vineland  
Rt. 440, Jersey City  
200 Passaic Ave., Kearny  
Rt. 22, North Plainfield  
140 Rt. 10, Dover  
1089 U.S. Highway 9, Old Bridge  
371-411 Main St., Belleville  
4594 Rt. 9 South, Howell  
1701 W. Edgar Rd., Linden

## Cuomo announces funds available to NJ residents to recover from Hurricane Floyd

**WASHINGTON** — In a move to help New Jersey recover from Hurricane Floyd, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo announced the early availability of about \$43 million in HUD assistance that would have normally gone to New Jersey in early 2000.

The accelerated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) assistance will be made available in November to the following governments in the approximate amounts: Bergen County — \$12.5 million, Essex County — \$7.3 million, Middlesex County — \$2 million, Morris County — \$2.5 million, Somerset County — \$1.5 million, Union County — \$0.2 million, The State of New Jersey — \$10.2 million. The State will distribute its share of the HUD funds to Hunterdon, Mercer and Passaic Counties.

President Clinton declared a major disaster for nine New Jersey counties after Floyd caused extensive flood damage to homes and businesses throughout the northern half of the state last month, making it possible for HUD to accelerate the delivery of the funds New Jersey was scheduled to receive next year from the CDBG program.

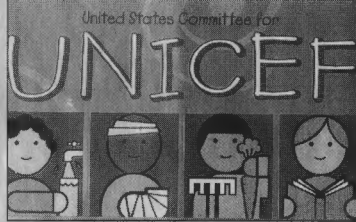
"HUD is committed to doing all it can to help families in New Jersey who have been hit by Hurricane Floyd and to help rebuild their communities and businesses," Cuomo said.

CDBG funds are used annually by communities for a variety of public uses including disaster recovery. The HUD assistance can be used to repair homes and businesses, repair and rebuild public buildings and facilities, such as sewer and sewer facilities, and to pay for clean-

ance and demolition of structures damaged by the storm.

In addition, the Federal Housing Administration, which is part of HUD, has imposed a 90-day moratorium on foreclosures of FHA-insured home mortgages, to prevent people hit hard by the storm from losing their homes. HUD will also make available the FHA Section 203(h) mortgage insurance program for disaster victims. This provides 100 percent financing for individuals or families whose homes were destroyed or substantially damaged in the storm. FHA will also ease other mortgage insurance program requirements. A copy of the FHA Mortgage Lender can be accessed on the web at: [www.hud.gov/fha/ntel/mli/mlienu.htm](http://www.hud.gov/fha/ntel/mli/mlienu.htm).

## Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF and remember safety first



**NEW YORK** — Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF began in Philadelphia in 1950 when a youth group collected \$17 in decorated milk cartons on Halloween to help children overseas. Since then, U.S. children have collected more than \$100 million by going door-to-door with the U.S. Committee for UNICEF's trademark orange collection cartons on Halloween.

"When I was a little girl, I remember carrying my orange UNICEF carton with me as I went Trick-or-Treating," said Brandy, who is UNICEF's international spokeswoman for youth. As part of her function as spokeswoman, Brandy will encourage young people to volunteer and make a difference by raising money to help build a better future for children around the world.

Because of the fundraising efforts of UNICEF 80 percent of the world's children are now immunized against the top six

killer diseases, saving three million lives each year and two-thirds of the world's children now complete primary school.

It's that time of year, so as the little ones head out with their UNICEF cartons, don't forget safety first.

•Travel in groups and always be sure to have an adult with you.

•Wear bright colors so drivers can see you.

•Be polite when Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF.

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## New Jersey Historical Society receives grant for innovative teen parenting program

**NEWARK** — The New Jersey Historical Society, in partnership with the Barringer Infant-Toddler Center at Barringer High School, the Young Fathers Program at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and the Nulites Program of the Urban League of Essex County, announced today that they received a \$49,100 grant for their program "Partners in Learning: Teens and Their Children at Museums" from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The New Jersey Historical Society is one of just 11 museums across the country, and the only one in New Jersey, to receive this award.

The award announcement came from Senator Frank R. Lautenberg's office in New Jersey. "This grant will go a long way to helping get young parents off to a good start in the education of their children," said Senator Lautenberg. "I am pleased that federal funds are being used to encourage children to take an interest in the arts, history, and science. Congratulations to the New Jersey Historical Society for developing this partnership initiative."

The New Jersey Historical Society began the Partners in Learning program as a pilot project in 1988-89 to address the needs of adolescent parents in Newark public schools, partially supported by the Turrell Fund. The program exposes these young people and their children to the many educational support services that are available in museums and other cultural institutions. Over the next year, over 100 children will benefit by taking part in parents' participation in this program.

"The New Jersey Historical Society has a strong record of service to Newark residents and is committed to addressing community needs with our partners," said Sally Yerkovich, Executive Director of the New Jersey Historical Society. "This program will provide adolescent parents with more non-traditional educational resources for them and their children." The Society received the National Award for Museum Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in 1998. Established in 1994, the award honors museums that demonstrate institutional commitment to public service with innovative programs that address educational, social, economic or environmental issues.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) approved just 11 applications across the nation through their Museum Leadership Initiative Grants program, amounting to \$509,391. The collaborations between institutional commitment to public service with innovative programs that address educational, social, economic or environmental issues. IMLS is a federal grant making agency located in Washington, D.C. that fosters leadership, innovation and a lifetime learning by supporting museums and libraries.

The New Jersey Historical Society is a statewide, private, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and interpreting the intricate political, social, cultural and economic history of New Jersey, maintaining the largest single collection of New Jersey material in the world.

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# CityLife

## Elizabeth's spirit ignited by the love for "Cheese"

By Gilda Rogers

It was billed a fund raiser. Jeffrey Cheeseman, Elizabeth's native son was the star of the show. Cheeseman, 45, who is affectionately known as "Cheese," is battling cancer and is an employee of the Mayor's Office in the city of Elizabeth. Since being diagnosed with what started out as liver and colon cancer which spread to his hip and spinal area, Cheeseman, who possesses a relentless spirit — will not be robbed of the gift of life has been hampered by mounting medical bills. Elliott Hale, 48, the organizer of the October 10, event held at Ella's Lounge in Elizabeth, felt it would only be befitting to galvanize people from Elizabeth to come out and support a brother, who all throughout his life has been a shining star in the city.

From his youthful days growing up on Anna Street, a deft keyboardist with the band Hot Pepper, activist to family man, Cheeseman, always outspoken has been a well known figure within the community. And his presence in and about town paid off big time, when people some of who no longer reside in Elizabeth turned out in full force to honor him.

"It was basically a funeral without a body," said Cheeseman in his "straight no chaser" way of speaking. "The only time we see each other is basically at funerals, with the exception of a few weddings. We got together and it was no body but a warm body and it was the talk of the town. The surprise was that I didn't know there was so much love still left in the community."

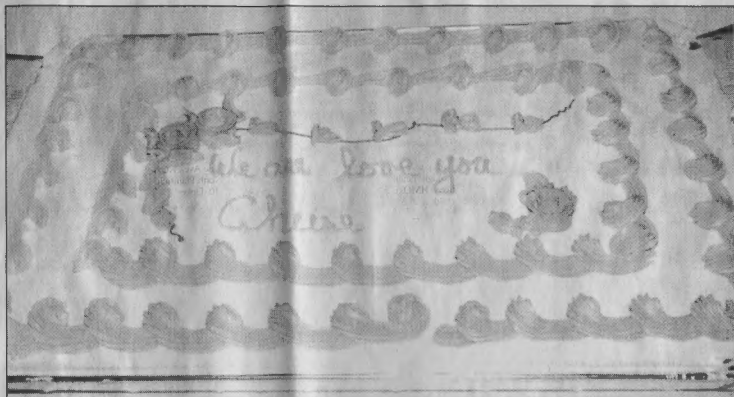
Hale, who with the help of Doris Harris, proprietor of Ella's and Nera Harris, the chef who put a burning on the food that kept folks coming back for more, started preparing for the event in late August.

"It took Jeffrey to bring the whole town together on a good note," said Hale, who ran himself crazy the week prior to event to get things in order, for what turned out to be one helluva shindig. His efforts proved to be a success, with the event raising \$3,000, which was presented to Cheeseman and his wife Jeanne, along with his children in attendance — Jeffrey Jr. 26, James, 15, Janelle, 12, and niece, Tiffany, 13.

Elizabeth's Mayor Chris Bollwage along with councilwoman Patricia Perkins-Auguste presented Cheeseman with a plaque and councilman Mingo had kind words to say about Cheeseman to the crowd, along with Stephen Sampson, who sits on the executive committee of Elizabeth's NAACP.

After all the formalities, it was party time. And with the majority of partygoers in the 40 and over club, by the likes of their moves, it appeared many cast age aside for a good time and transported themselves to back-in-the-day, with DJ Brick playing tunes memories were made from.

And this too was a memory many will never forget — especially, Cheese.



"We All Love You, Cheese"

All photos by Michael Richardson



Left: Cheeseman poses with neighborhood friends (from l-r): Stacey Hall, Gayland Robinson, Elliott Hale, Keith White, and Eddie Fletcher



Left: Councilwoman Patricia Perkins-Auguste and Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage honor Cheeseman with a plaque and gift from the city.



Left: Cheeseman dances with his wife Jeanne. Right: He poses with his wife, children and niece (l-r, standing): Janelle, Tiffany, Jeffrey Jr., and James.



The Cheeseman Family Portrait

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The City of Elizabeth led by Sam Smith gets down with Electric Slide.

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Doris Harris (in back), proprietor of Ella's Lounge, poses with Elliott, Cheese, and Jeanne.



"Cheese" embraces longtime friend and event organizer Elliott Hale.



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## Health Calendar

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

**CHAFFORD** — Union County College in association with Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center will be hosting its Fall Open House at the hospital's school of nursing building 5 p.m. (508) 928-2400

**JERSEY CITY** — Jersey City Medical Center will hold a support group for breast cancer survivors 6 p.m. (201) 915-2273

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — St. Peter's University Hospital holds a support group meeting for parents with children in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) 7 p.m. (732) 745-8900

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital holds a course in Lamaze Preparation for child birth 7 p.m. (732) 937-8820

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital holds a support group meeting for families who want to adoptive 7 p.m. (732) 937-8820

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — St. Peter's University Hospital holds a support group meeting for those dependent on nicotine 5:30 p.m. (732) 937-8900

**NEWARK** — The City of Newark and the Department of Health and Human Services offer free flu and pneumonia shots at the Ironbound Health Project 10 a.m. (973) 733-7581

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital holds a support group meeting for people suffering from major depression 7:30 p.m. (732) 937-8820

**SUMMIT** — SAGE Inc. hosts a seminar and workshop regarding addiction at the Summit Recreation Center Call (908) 275-4598 for information

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital holds a support group meeting for those who have had a stroke 12:30 p.m. (732) 937-8820

**NEWARK** — The City of Newark and the Department of Health and Human Services offer free flu and pneumonia shots at the FOCUS Building 10 a.m. (973) 733-7581

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

**ORANGE** — The Hospital Center of Orange offer free screenings for prostate cancer 9 a.m. (973) 256-2024

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital holds a support group meeting for women in conflict 10 a.m. (732) 937-8820

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital holds a support group meeting for people who overseas 10 a.m. (732) 937-8820

## National Breast Cancer Awareness Month: a rallying call to save lives

This year more than 190,000 women in the United States will learn for the first time that they have breast cancer, a condition that will result in more than 40,000 deaths. In fact, breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer for American women. As the National Breast Cancer Awareness month wanes down,

across the state there are a number of initiatives going on to prevent this deadly disease from spreading. In recognition of breast cancer month, the city of East Orange on October 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., City Hall will be open to the community to promote early detection and screening for breast cancer awareness. Mayor Bowser is urging

all employers to join and involve their employees in NBCCAM. A panel discussion taking place from 12:30-1:30 p.m. with health practitioners will address the issue. In Newark, October 30, is a day designated to save lives — from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Newark's Beth Israel Medical Center in the Flo

Okun Oncological Center will be conducting free breast exams, free instruction on self-breast exams and free mammograms. Call today and reserve a spot for a screening (973) 928-2673. Low cost mammograms will be offered in New Brunswick during the week of October 25, at Saint Peter's University Hospital's Health Clinic for

Women. This service is intended for women over 40 who do not qualify for a mammogram or are not covered on health insurance. Cost: \$50. The screenings will take place in the new Cares Building, 10 Faston Ave. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call (732) 745-8600 ext. 6686



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## Newark offers free health shots for its residents

The City of Newark's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Division of Community Health will provide free flu and pneumonia shots at various Newark sites from now until early November. Shots will be administered from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Here's a listing of the sites

**10/28/99:**  
Ironbound Health Project  
95 Fleming Avenue

**10/29/99:**  
FOCUS Building  
441-443 Board Street

**11/1/99:**  
Com Health Service Clinic  
26 Pennsylvania Avenue

**11/2/99:**  
Grace West Manor  
301 Irvine Turner Blvd

**11/4/99:**  
St. Mary's Villa  
425 Sanford Avenue

**11/5/99:**  
Nellie Grier Senior Citizens  
98-104 Maple Avenue

**11/8/99:**  
New Community Association  
180 S. Orange Avenue

**11/10/99:**  
New Community Manor  
545 Orange St

Mayor Sharpe James hopes everyone follows through. "All citizens must take advantage of the worthwhile program which provides an invaluable service to the Newark community," said James. For more information, call (973) 733-7581

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## Jazzy Betty Carter 'Jazz Ahead' residency looking for cutting edge artists

WASHINGTON—Young jazz artists in their teens to late-twenties who wish to apply for the April 20-28, 2000 music residency, Betty Carter's Jazz Ahead, an annual part of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Jazz Programs, Dr. Billy Taylor, artistic advisor, are advised that the application deadline is Jan. 7, 2000.

Betty Carter's Jazz Ahead identifies outstanding emerging jazz artists and brings them together under the tutelage of experienced artists and instructors who coach and counsel them, helping them to polish their performance, composing and arranging skills. Residency participants will work with established jazz artists April 20-26, and perform live in two concerts on the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 27 and Friday, April 28, 2000. These performances will be broadcast live over the internet.

Betty Carter, who possessed one of this era's most

extraordinary voices, was devoted to jazz education. She brought her Jazz Ahead program, which has launched the careers of several of today's stars including Cyrus Chestnut and Jacky Terrasson, to the Kennedy Center in 1997.

Applicants for the Jazz Ahead program must be both jazz composers and performers. To apply, applicants must submit a resume and a good quality cassette tape of their work. A panel of jazz artists selected by the Kennedy Center will review applications, and applicants will be informed of their status in mid-March. The Kennedy Center will provide residency participants with housing, travel to and from Washington D.C. and modest honoraria for meal expenses.

Jazz Ahead application may be downloaded free at <http://www.kennedycenter.org/jazzahead> or by contacting Kennedy Center Jazz, 2700 F St., NW, Washington D.C., 20566. Telephone (202) 416-8348.



Betty Carter Photo by Andrew Eccles

## Butler, James jazz it up at the Beacon

Robert F. Williams III  
Staff Writer

Those who have had the pleasure to listen to Jonathan Butler's new album will probably describe it as a very personal and an intimate journey for him.

And for those in attendance at CD 101.9 Jazz concert held October 15, at the Beacon Theater in New York City, would describe it the same, with the addition of being up close and personal. Butler with intense facial expressions and beads of sweat running from his forehead under the blue light, sang songs reverberating from the heart, while in casual attire and strumming his guitar sang many of his hits, including "Lies", and cuts off his new album— "Story of Life."

With the audience giving Butler a standing ovation on more than one occasion was significant to the relationship he established with the audience, with some calling out his personal requests and praise.

"Can't Let Go," a cut off his newest release was mellow pleasure and a sample of Butler's inner groove. Joining him in the spotlight were his background singers who added the spice that complimented Butler's vocals which resonated powerfully. His percussionist added cultural depth playing the congo drums and other African instruments. So moving was the performance that he ended with an encore of "Lies."

Not many acts can follow one like Butler's, but one did in the form of Boney James. The Kennedy Center look-a-like wood the audience with solos on his clarinet and saxophone, while doing his trademark knees-together-knees-out horizontal slide across the stage. Performing hits like "All Night Long", and his version of Janet Jackson's "I Get So Lonely", he had the crowd to his feet.



Jonathan Butler

and at various times interacting with particular audience members and admirers during the show. Backing him up was a stel-

lar band— former member and songwriter of Rufus, guitarist Rob Lawrence, and others whose solos were as entertaining as Boney himself.

Photo by Larry Busacca

## In Your Ear

By Robert F. Williams III

## Brandy is not a diva

Diva is a term used that has been altered with the evolution of music.

A first, it was a term applied to only the great singers in the opera house. Later on, it was applied to those who voices were the greatest in almost any genre. But now, does it apply to those who have had commercial success, but do not possess the vocal strength matching past divas?

According to VH-1, this must be so. VH-1 Divas Live 99, which is releasing a CD of the concert on November 2, invited Brandy to sing along with Mariah Carey, LeAnn Rimes, Whitney Houston, Aretha Franklin, Celine Dion, and Tina Turner among others.

Granted, Brandy has matched many of the women on the concert as far as reaching that plateau of success. Brandy has definitely had success as an actress with her show "Moesha," and will have equal success on the big screen, evidenced by "I Know What You Did Last Summer 2." However, when it comes to music it's a different story.

The first mark of a diva these days is what it's always been the voice. Usually, divas have an eight octave, or have remarkable vocal strength that few can match. Some of the top singers are equipped with both. Currently, the eight-octaves in music are Carey and Dion, among others. Those who have emboldened strength are Houston, Franklin, Rimes, and Turner. However, Brandy does have an appealing raspiness to her voice, but does not have the vocal strength nor range like these singers do, and pales in comparison to them.

The second mark of a diva is longevity. Every true diva on the VH-1 stage has been around at least ten years with the exception of Rimes, and their names are well known to the mainstream public. From the start of their careers, they exemplified their talent and were able to survive on their singing alone. Brandy does have the musical success to achieve longevity, as evidenced by her superbly produced tracks off her two albums, which produced at least three singles each and have won numerous awards. In this era where a good producer can take anybody anywhere, within this booming economy, Brandy could not have started her career at a better time.

Now, if VH-1 is really in need of a young diva, maybe in 2000 they should look at the new artist, Christina Aguilera, whose vocal power allows her free range, this Spanish cantadora can certainly bang with any R&B and gospel singer out there.

Overall, Brandy does have the attitude and appeal of a diva, but that is pretty much it. VH-1 made an error in calling her a diva, because it has now put her on a pedestal that she might be pushed off of by those who truly have that vocal.

## To Aspiring Poets

The City News Arts Wednesday section is seeking unpublished poets to submit their work for exposure in a upcoming section featuring new artists.

## Music Notes

### Ginuwine goes from music shelves to fragrance shelves

Ginuwine is currently in development and financing his own fragrance line, and plans to call it "100% Ginuwine". He is also planning a female fragrance called "G-Spot", and is expected to be in stores by Christmas. He is also planning to kickoff a tour with Case 112, and Donell Jones.

### Jive Records to release A Tribe Called Quest Collection

Although A Tribe Called Quest have broken up, Jive Records will release a collection of their music, "Anthology" on October 26. The collection will include songs like "Bonita Applebaum," "Scenario," "Award Tour," "Hot Sex," and others.

Currently, 2Pac is getting ready for the release of his solo debut album, "Amplified," and a movie, "Prison Song," which he co-wrote and will star in with Mary J. Blige, Elvis Costello, and Fat Joe. Phife Dawg just recorded a single and Ali Shaheed Muhammad has teamed up with former En Vogue vocalist Dawn Robins and Tony/Toni/Tone! former singer Raphael Saadiq in a group called Lucy Pearl.

### Judith Jamison, Stevie Wonder to be honored at Kennedy Center

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts announced that dancer and choreographer Judith Jamison, and singer and songwriter Stevie Wonder will receive awards at the Kennedy Center Honors of 1999. Recipients along with Wonder and Jamison at the 22nd annual celebration of the arts

will be Sean Connery, Victor Borge, and Jason Robards at the center's Opera House December 5, and will be aired on CBS at 9 p.m.

In addition to that, Wonder is also celebrating the birth of his first grandchild, a son born earlier this month to daughter Aisha, who was the subject of his hit, "Isn't She Lovely".

### TLC announces touring dates

Best-selling hip-hop trio TLC announced dates for their first ever arena headlining tour, which kicked off in Toronto October 22. Along with opening acts Destiny's Child, K-Ci and JoJo, and Christina Aguilera. Tour dates in the Mid-Atlantic and New England area include:

- 10/31 Baltimore, MD Arena
- 11/7 Hampton, VA Hampton Coliseum
- 11/12 Hartford, CT Civic Center
- 11/13 Providence, RI Civic Center
- 11/16 Buffalo, NY Marne Midland Arena

### Michael Jackson cancels Millennium Concerts

Michael Jackson has decided to cancel two concerts he was scheduled to perform on December 31 in Australia and Hawaii. Various reports state Jackson wanted to finish recording his new album, and did not want the concerts to interfere with that.

Jackson had planned to perform in Sydney, Australia, and then fly across the international dateline to Hawaii, which is 12 hours behind Sydney.

All of this comes just after Jackson and his wife, Debbie Rowe, announced their divorce after three years of marriage and two children.

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**MADISON** — The Kirby Shakespeare Festival presents "Roméo & Juliet" at the F. M. Kirby Theater. Call (973) 488-3807 for information.

**TENAFY** — The African Art Museum of the S.M.A. Fathers presents an art exhibit of African images as ritual objects and playthings. 10 a.m. (201) 894-0611.

**BROOKLYN, N.Y.** — The Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) presents the play "Morning Star" through October 30. 7:30 p.m. (718) 636-4194.

**NEW YORK** — The Studio Museum in Harlem hosts an art exhibit of selected works from the permanent collection of resident artists at the museum. Call (212) 864-4500 for information.

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — The Crossroads Theater presents Jim Coker and Charles Randolph "Whip in the Hit play 'Homework' through October 31. 6 p.m. (973) 993-0189.

**MILLBURN** — The Paper Mill Playhouse presents the play "Fags" Call (973) 593-0189 for information.

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — The Rutgers Theater Company presents the play "Betrayal" at the school's New Theater. 8 p.m. (732) 932-7591.

**WAYNE** — The National Theater of the West presents the play "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" at the Wayne Paterson University. 10 a.m. (1-860) 526-4971.

**MAHWAH** — The Angelica and Russ Baranoff Center for the Performing and Visual Arts at Ramapo College of New Jersey and the Angelica Company presents the play "Richard III" Call (201) 664-7603 for information.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

**NEW YORK** — Veteran actor Keith David performs his cabaret act at the D. Lounge located inside the Hotel Dolomito through October 31. 9 p.m. (212) 333-7400.

**HAJTON** — The Hunterdon Hills Playhouse presents the play "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" at the school's New Theater. 8 p.m. (908) 730-8007 for time and information.

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — The State Theater presents ballet dancer Suzanne Farrell. 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. (732) 246-7469.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

**WAYNE** — William Paterson University presents the 14th season of the Wayne Paterson Orchestra. 8 p.m. (973) 720-2566.

**NEWARK** — The African American Heritage Committee hosts the Third Annual Maquarade Gala featuring Cane Jackson and Harold Mevin and the Blue Notes at Newark Symphony Hall. 8 p.m. (973) 642-5051.

**METUCHEN** — The Forum Theater Company presents the kids play "What My Mummy...". 11 a.m. (732) 545-7467.

**NEW YORK** — The African Women's Repertory presents the play "Women's Night Out" at the New Perspective Theater. 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. (718) 993-0070.

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — The State Theater presents Don Giovanni and the San Francisco Western Opera Theater. 8 p.m. (732) 246-7469.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

**NEWARK** — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC) presents "Fo Deuk Revue" featuring Anni Baraka, David Murray, Doudu Ndou, Nana Ama McBrown, and special guests. 5 p.m. (1-888) GO-NJ-PAC.

**MAHWAH** — Ramapo College presents singer/songwriter Dan Bern at the Angelica and Russ Baranoff Center for the Performing and Visual Arts. 8 p.m. (201) 664-7602.

**HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.** — Hofstra University's Department of Drama and Dance presents the play "The Boy and the Saint" at the school's John Cranford Adams Playhouse. Call (516) 463-6644 for information.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

**NEWARK** — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC) presents the musical "Fences" through Nov. 7, 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. (1-888) GO-NJ-PAC.

**METUCHEN** — The Forum Theater Company hosts an event strictly for kids entitled "Circus Menagerie." 11 a.m. (732) 545-4670.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

**NEWARK** — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC) presents the Flying Karamazov Brothers through Nov. 14. 7:30 p.m. (1-888) GO-NJ-PAC.

**CAPE MAY** — The 12th Annual Cape May Jazz Festival returns to several sites in and around Cape May through Nov. 14. Call (609) 884-7277 for time and information.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

**NEWARK** — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC) presents the Flying Karamazov Brothers, Sharps, Flats and Accidents. 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (1-888) GO-NJ-PAC.

## The Best Man

Universal Pictures  
Director: Malcolm D. Lee

Cast: Taye Diggs, Nia Long, Morris Chestnut, Harold Perrineau, Terrence Howard, Sanaa Lathan, Monica Calhoun, Melissa De Sousa

When the buzz started that Spike Lee's cousin Malcolm was making a major motion picture to debut this fall, two major thoughts probably ran through people's minds: this should be a good flick because he had the experience of working with his cousin, or because it was his first feature film he might not really break out until a couple movies after this.

But once audiences view "The Best Man," which at press time is set to be released on the October 22-24 weekend, they will see that Malcolm Lee is already on his way to the top. He is no joke business.

The movies provides an interesting plot and dynamic characters, woven into the story of a group of friends who went to college together and reunite for the marriage of two of their friends, Mia Morgan (Monica Calhoun) and Lance Sullivan (Morris Chestnut). Harper Stewart (Taye Diggs) is the best man and a writer who writes a book which BET producer Jordan Armstrong (Nia Long) gets her hands on and realizes some of the similarities between the characters of the book and the characteristics of the friends. The book eventually makes its way through the hands of all the friends, and when Lance is the



Harper Stewart (Taye Diggs) and Jordan Armstrong (Nia Long) play hard to get in this from "The Best Man."

Photo by Michael Ginsberg

just to read, the suspense builds throughout the movie as we see what his reaction to the dark secret unlocked in Harper's book.

What makes this movie great is the cinematography, which fills the movie with enticing action filled shots that sets a sophisticated tone for the movie. Some of the best shots in the movie are when Lance finds out the secret and unleashes his angry fury on one his friends.

Also adding to the movie was the variety of personalities among the groups. While all are sophisticated professionals, the traits of the characters range from the sweet, pure, good-hearted woman (Mia); the go-getters who are good for each other but can't take their focus away from themselves and careers; the showboat athlete who has won his oats; an insecure man who finds his security in a wandering player; a strong but confused woman; and a self-

The chemistry amongst the characters is fodder for dynamic dialogue that has more comical moments than what the commercials advertising the movie lead viewers to believe.

And like many movies, all ends happily ever after, as this movie provides a look at a test of true friendship, fidelity, trust, and love, touching all emotions on many different levels.

Robert E. Williams III

## For the Bookshelves of African Americans

### Not Yet "Free At Last"

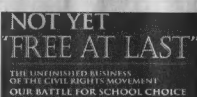
Mikel Holt (ICS Press) Holt, a journalist, writer, and activist of Milwaukee, composes an interesting look into the African American community in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and its fight to provide better education opportunities and results for the students in the Milwaukee Public School System in 1989. At this time, the city was implementing a desegregation plan which gave black students an inadequate busing pattern, the closing of many Central City schools where blacks resided. And the high suspension rate among black students, where they were being suspended at the result of a "cultural clash." Holt names one incident in which two students were getting each other with hand shakes and body slaps that a white teacher interpreted as a fight between two students. Others were being suspended for having Afro picks in their hair. In a fight the author terms, the "unfined business of the civil rights movement," he takes you on the black community's path to a better education for its students. This book is a powerful book about a conflict that rallies together for the benefit of its people, and future.

### Sweet St. Louis Omar Tyree (Simon & Schuster)

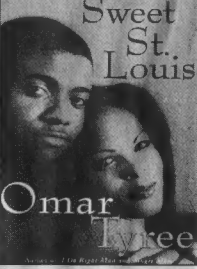
Women are subjected to many pick-up lines, but how many times to women hear one that makes them dig deeper into that man? This is the situation Sharron Francis enters when she is approached by Anthony "Ant" Poole, a young mechanic with a creative spin to his game. Sharron, who is in a search for companionship and happiness, Ant's words are intriguing to her and keep her digging for more. Battle the question, will this be something serious and or just another fling. This book is an interesting insight and perspective on the issues of black romance, the fragility of love, and the rewards of looking deeper into another person.

### More Life Volume One: Principles and Practices for Purposeful Living

Dolette O. Cunningham (DOC Communications Publishing) In the end, new and innovative speakers that constantly prod at today's social issue, self-improvement, it is hard to see where the same repeated sayings and new innovative approaches begin. This is where Dolette O. Cunningham steps in. Cunningham is not talking about anything new, but his refreshing approach to life



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## Black entertainment coming to you

Lysistrata, a 2,500-year-old Greek dance, is reborn in Harlem as the Classical Theatre of Harlem will present Aristophanes classic October 27-30, and November 3-7 at 8 p.m. There will also be a Sunday performance October 31 and November 7, 3 p.m.

The performance uses traditional Afro-Caribbean fertility dances and African folk dances as the women in the play unite without sex from their men in order to put a stop to the endless warfare and destruction of man.

The company was formed in February of this year, and its mission is to return classical theatre to the stages of Harlem.

For tickets and information, call (212) 539-8528.

### Parliament/Funkadelic to appear on Thirteen/WNET

The Parliament/Funkadelic with its current 22-piece line-up of singers, horn players, guitarists, and percussionists on the next episode of "Session at West 54th", a Thirteen/WNET show that features a performance as they appear in episodes dedicated to their music. The show is scheduled to air October 29 at midnight.

### The Spoken Word to be celebrated at NJPAC this weekend

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center will present "Sacred Circle/Spoken Word," an international, intergenerational three-day conference and festival celebrating the spoken word. Performers and panelists include Anni Baraka, Asha Bandele, Mutabaruka, Roger Bonair-Agu, Solon Sudausta, and Sonia Sanchez. The event will begin October 29, 8 p.m. at the Rehearsal Banquet Hall with performances by Imani Umar and Marvin Sewall. Will Power, WordBrand, Shaheen Ariefidin, Issac Pule Chokwe, and Craig Harris. Immediately following will be an Open Mic hosted by Verse 4 Verse poetry group, at 11:30 p.m. at the Robert Treat Hotel, across the street from NJPAC. For more information, call 1-888-466-5722.



Fo Deuk Revue will perform Sunday, Oct. 31. Photo courtesy of NJPAC

### Friday, October 29

8 p.m., Rehearsal Banquet Hall - Performances by Imani Umar, Marvin Sewall, Will Power, WordBrand, Shaheen Ariefidin, Issac Pule Chokwe, Craig Harris and Solon Sudausta.

### Saturday, October 31

Non-4:00 p.m., Rehearsal Banquet Hall - Panel I: The Power of the Spoken Word: Politics, History and Aesthetics. Panelists: Ras Baraka, Anni Baraka, Willie Sanchez, Vanessa Richards, Khef Riley, Reg E. Gaines, Roger Robinson Asha Bandele. Readings by Wilfredo Bonilla, Vanessa Richards, Laina Motaleka, Shaheen Ariefidin, Issac Pule Chokwe.

### 5-6 p.m., Rehearsal Banquet Hall

-Workshop I: Production and Performance, conducted by Jessica Cure Moore, Rex E. Gaines.

### 8 p.m., Victoria Theater

-Performance, Live Language, Roger Robinson, Watts

### Sunday, October 31

Non-3:30 p.m., Panel II: Spirit of Performance Content: Cooperation, Competition. Panelists: Wilfredo Bonilla, moderator, Sonia Sanchez, Sarah Jones, Tracee Morris, Miguel Algrin, Toni Blackman, Sekou Sundiata. Readings by Anni Baraka, Jones, Sundiata, Sanchez, General D.

### 3:30-4:30 p.m., Rehearsal Banquet Hall

-Workshop II: Distribution and the Internet. Troy Johnson and Davey D.

### 5 p.m., Victoria Theater

-Performance, Fo Deuk Revue, Mutabaruka, Roger Bonair-Agu.

### 7 p.m., Victoria Theater

-Post-Discussion - From Stage to Page, Kalamu Ya Salaam.

## In Black and White by Blacks

### 19th Century Black Photographer on display at National Portrait Gallery

One of America's first black recognized photographers currently has his work on display at the Smithsonian Institution National Portrait Gallery.

Augustus Washington (1820/1821-1875), a free black in the North born in Trenton, N.J., became one of the first and most successful photographers in Hartford, Conn., where he had equal success with his photo studios. He recorded his life through pictures, and his exhibit, "A Durable Memento: Portraits by Augustus Washington, African American Daguerreotypist," will be on view through Jan. 2, 2000.

The exhibit included 33 images, his most famous of Harper Ferry's John Brown, and will come to the International Center of Photography in New York City from June 25, 2000 through Aug. 27, 2000.

### Over \$60,000 in prizes to be awarded in upcoming photography contest

The International Library of Photography announced that it will award over \$60,000 in prizes this year to winners of the International Open Amateur Photography Contest.

The contest is open to beginners, intermediate, and advanced photographers to try and win their share of 1,300 prizes.



Daguerreotype of John Brown by A. Washington

Those interested can only enter one photo in one of the following categories: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture, or Other. Photos must be black and white print, unmounted, 8" by 10" or smaller.

All entries must include the photographer's name and address on back of photo, as well as the category and title of the photo.

Photos can be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-9006, 3600 Crowland Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by December 15, which is the deadline for all entries.

For more information, call (410) 363-4800.



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#### ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

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- 1) Installation of a Central HVAC system for Administration Building.
- 2) Upgrade Electrical Service for 50 low-income family housing units.
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Interested firms can pick up an RFP informational Packet from October 15, 1999 through November 15, 1999 between the hours of 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. at the Authority's Administrative Office (732) 545-8430, #1 Parkside Street, Somerset, NJ 08873.

Questions relating to the RFP may be directed to DeWayne K. Cruse, Executive Director, at (732) 545-9400.

The Housing Authority of the Township of Franklin reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any informality.

DeWayne K. Cruse  
Executive Director  
Housing Authority of the Township of Franklin

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The LBHA intends to enter into an agreement to provide these legal services for a one year period, (probably commencing in December, 1999).

The LBHA therefore requests proposals from qualified law firms with a MINIMUM OF FIVE YEARS CORPORATE EXPERIENCE in the work described under the Scope of Services.

The LBHA RFP may be obtained by picking up at the Authority's Central Office, (Bartlett Court, Long Branch, N.J. 07740. For package please call (732) 222-3747 extension 124, Sally Morrell).

All proposals must be received by the LBHA, at its Central Office, ATTN: Mr. William J. Lau, Executive Director, by the close of business (4:00 P.M.) on November 12, 1999.

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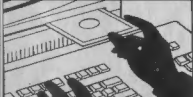
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## Whatever happened to privacy?

If sportswriters wrote the laws or served as criminal court judges, smoking pot would warrant a fifty-year jail sentence, failing to phone your coach prior to missing training camp would be punishable by life in prison, and choking one's coach would be a capital offense.

Sportswriters have increased annoyingly and annoyingly found it necessary to offer scathing commentary on the behavior of pro athletes. I'm still trying to figure out what qualifies sports writers to make such moral judgments.



Greg Moore

I always thought sportswriters were supposed to analyze the game—not report on how many children Shawn Kemp has fathered out of wedlock. I'm not suggesting that the behavior of an athlete is never relevant. But I do think that the courtiers in the press have explored much more objective, fairly and in a less judgmental fashion.

Take for instance the case of Minnesota Viking receiver Randy Moss. All of last year, particularly prior to the NFL Draft, it was constantly reported how much off the field trouble Moss had been involved in. It got so bad that I began to wonder whether the Vikings had drafted a football player or a blood or a crap. After examining Moss' past, I discovered that the extent of his problems involved a fight way back when he was in high school (a fight which many believed was sparked by a racial epithet directed at Moss) which resulted in a 30 day jail sentence. Prior to his release from jail, Moss was randomly drug tested by prison officials and failed the test. As a consequence, Moss' stay in jail was extended a few weeks. There you have it. No stolen cars, no rapes or robberies or any other violent felonies, just a kid whose stay in the joint was prolonged by his smoking of a joint.

Drugs are serious problem in this country, so please do interpret my remarks as a condemnation of drug use. They're not. However, it's also wrong when sportswriter exploit relatively minor misconduct in an effort to reinforce tired stereotypes about the angry, felonious, out-of-control black male. Misconduct on the part of athletes dates all the way back to Babe Ruth who was an admitted late night carouser, drinker and womanizer. Ty Cobb nearly beat a fan to death who referred to him as a Negro, and NFL great John Riggins got so drunk once at a formal Washington D.C. affair, that he wound up crawling around beneath his table commenting on the legs of Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who also happened to be seated at the same table. Now imagine if Latrell Sprewell had behaved in that manner? The Supreme Court probably would have overturned Brown v. Board of Education the very next day. Clearly, there are some black athletes who need to get their act together, but does their misconduct merit the disproportionate attention which it attracts?

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## The "Amazin's" show us how to beat the odds

By Jean H. Pierre  
Staff Writer

When the baseball world looks back on 1999, they won't remember back to 60 plus home runs put up by Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa. They won't remember perfect games pitched by David Cone of the New York Yankees and Eric Milton of the Minnesota Twins. They won't recall the dominance and power of Boston Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez, who won more games than any pitcher in baseball. All they'll remember is the team playing in Flushing, Queens who made us 'Believe.'

Ever since spring training, the writers and fans felt the New York Mets were a team built for the playoffs. Why not? The Mets picked up key players and veterans like Robin Ventura, Ricky Henderson, Shawn Dunston, and Darryl Hamilton to improve the offense. The pitching became potent with the signing of Armando Benitez, Kenny Rogers and Orel Hershiser. Not to forget, the signing of the best offensive catcher in baseball history Mike Piazza for \$91 million. So the nucleus was set to make the push for the second season that has eluded the team since 1985.

Following a slow start, the team was one of the best by far



Third baseman Robin Ventura (left) hit the game winning home-run to beat the Braves in game five of the NL Championship Series. That moment would only last temporarily as the Braves won the series on a ball four thrown by Kenny Rogers in game six.

in baseball with their solid hitting and defense thanks in part to their infield (John Olerud, Rey Ordonez, Edgarotto Alfonzo and Ventura) rated the best of all-time. Then came their biggest test in the late season. The Mets were swept four games behind the Braves in the National League East Division. The Mets began its swan song from there by losing games 5 and 6 and in



danger of losing the wild card. But they don't call them "Amazin'" for nothing.

After sweeping Pittsburgh and beating the Cincinnati Reds for the wild card, the Mets were back in the playoffs. The Mets disposed of Randy Johnson and the Arizona Diamondbacks in four games. It was on to the Braves in the NL Championship Series. The Braves continued the same story by taking the first three games. The Mets wouldn't fold easily. They took the next two games

including the thrilling 15 inning classic.

So it was on to Atlanta for games six. After being down 5-0, the Mets charged right back with superb hitting by Henderson, Hamilton and Olerud. But the biggest charge came from the bruised and beaten Piazza, who hit a two run homer to bring the Mets ahead. The momentum had switched to the Mets side. The season was going to be as magical as 1986 was for the New York Yankees. The Mets were a couple of outs away from forcing a game seven with the pressure squarely on the Braves. But it wasn't to be for the "Amazin'," who squandered a run to put the Braves in the World Series for the fifth time this decade.

Season over. The season that many felt could be but wouldn't be turned out to be one of pure magic. You can blame a lot of things on the Mets for losing the series, but don't say, they didn't have heart. The showed us and all of baseball things are possible when faced with adversity. Manager Bobby Valentine wrote "Why not?" saying we can come back from three games down to get to the World Series, which hasn't been done in baseball. The Mets proved they were not the team to be counted down out.

## Master P shows his stuff in exhibition game

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Millionaire rapper Percy Miller, known as Master P, scored eight points for the Toronto Raptors in a preseason win over the Vancouver Grizzlies last week.

Miller, who was in the Raptors' training camp, was inserted into the lineup in the fourth quarter with his team well ahead. After committing a turnover and having two of his shots blocked, Miller made two 3-pointers and a layup. The rapper played the final two minutes of Toronto's previous preseason game, but was 0-for-2 from the field. Though he's said to be worth about \$400 million, Miller had to carry the bags of some of the veterans during training camp.

The 29-year-old has played his rap records into a flourishing business with his own label, No Limit Records, and a financial interest in a sports agent business. No Limit Sports. His company represents NFL rookie Ricky Williams, and NBA players Ron Mercer and Derek Anderson. An all-state high school player in Louisiana, Miller's collegiate career at Houston was brief. He was waived by the Charlotte Hornets during camp last season. Before signing with the Hornets, he was with the CBA's Fort Wayne Fury. Miller is an acquaintance of Toronto coach Butch Carter. He'll likely be released next week.

## Rivalry



Full back Andre Sumner, No. 20, has been bringing the noise for Linden all season, although being shut down against Scotch Plains.

By Gilda Rogers  
Staff Writer

It's Friday night under the lights October 29, in Elizabeth at 7 p.m., when the Minutemen will meet one of their arch-rivals—the Linden Tigers. Both teams, a part of the Watching Conference were undefeated (4-0) until Linden met up with Scotch Plains, on its home turf.

## NBA resumes drug testing after a six-day hiatus

By Chris Sheridan

NEW YORK (AP) — Drug testing in the NBA was suspended for six days after the identities of two players who tested positive for marijuana were disclosed to a reporter. The testing resumed Wednesday, and all players will have been subjected to urinalysis by next week.

This is the first season in which NBA players are being tested for marijuana and steroids. Veterans can only be tested once, unless they produce a positive sample. Rookies are tested throughout the season. The players' union sent a letter to all players in September urging anyone who smoked marijuana to come forward and seek treatment if they feared they would produce a dirty sample. A first-time offender must undergo mandatory counseling, and a second positive test would include a \$15,000 fine. Subsequent positive tests would result in five-game suspensions.

and got beat down 10-0, and Elizabeth fell to Union 14-8. Linden is depending on its offense and to get the job done, which will make Sumner a deadly threat. "If we play hard and to the best of our ability we can beat them," said Sumner, giving props to wide receiver Gregory Parker. "We've got too much talent on this team, he catches everything."

(AP Photo)

Sumner, who has racked up over 600 yards rushing for the season, also is getting some help from half-back Pierre Chapman. "When they key on Pierre it takes a lot of attention off of me," he said, which usually is a blinding factor for the opposing team. However, Elizabeth is

no slouch, after all their loss to Union was minor compared to Linden's debacle against Scotch Plains—besides Elizabeth has a mean defensive lineman named Aubrey Dorisma and a deft tailback in Billy Gilbert.

Linden Tigers vs. Elizabeth Minutemen

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